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SUBJ: GOA NARCOTICS PROGRAM IN INDONESIA

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1. PER REF (B) HARVEY AND BRIAN BATES, GOA DEPARTMENT
OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, ARRANGED TO DISCUSS SUBJECT PROGRAM
WITH EMBOFF FEB. 14.

2. IN SHORT, GOA PROGRAM NOW PROJECTED CONSISTS OF
QL STUDY TOUR (PARA 4 REF B) PROBABLY APRIL OR MAY 1975;
(2) PROGRAM FOR EXCHANGE OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR
SHORT-TERM TRAINING ASSIGNMENT; (3) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
UNDER AUSTRALIAN AID PROGRAM FOR FIELD AGENT EQUIPMENT
(BATES UNABLE INDICATE AT THIS TIME POSSIBLE DOLLAR VALUE
OR TIME FRAME FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE), PROBABLY IN MOBILE
COMMUNICATIONS FIELD BUT POSSIBLY INCLUDING ITEMS SUCH
AS FIELD TEST EQUIPMENT.

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3. EACH OF THESE PROJECTS OBVIOUSLY DEPENDENT ON GOI RECEPTIVITY AND PREFERENCES AND THOSE OF OTHER SEA GOVERNMENTS WHERE INVOLVED.

4. FIRM PLANNING FOR STUDY TOUR (APPROXIMATELY TWO-WEEK DURATION) BY NATIONAL ENFORCEMENT HEADS NOW AWAITING RESPONSE FROM INVITEE GOVERNMENTS. ASSUMING STUDY TOUR DEVELOPS, GOA ANTICIPATES FURTHER THINKING ON SUCH MATTERS AS CHARACTER OF EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA, AND DETAILS AND FEASIBILITY OF OFFICER EXCHANGE PROGRAM WOULD DEVELOP IN COURSE OF STUDY TOUR CONTACTS.

5. PRESENT CONCEPT OF EXCHANGE PROGRAM IS IN-SERVICE EXCHANGE FOR PERIODS OF THREE TO SIX MONTHS. DUE TO LIMITED PERSONNEL AVAILABILITY, ASSUMPTION IS ONLY ONE EXCHANGE PER COUNTRY AT ANY GIVEN TIME. THIS IMPLIES POSSIBLE MAXIMUM OF THREE TO FIVE VISITING FOREIGN OFFICERS DURING EACH PERIOD. GOA THINKING IS THAT EXCHANGE PROGRAM MIGHT ALSO IN INDONESIA CASE OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINING IN USE AND MAINTENANCE OF ANY EQUIPMENT FURNISHED UNDER AID PROGRAM.

6. ON BROAD QUESTION OF USG-GOA DIVISION OF LABOR IN INDONESIA ACTIVITIES, GOA CONSIDERS IT IS NOT IN POSITION TO CONCENTRATE ON TRAINING AND WOULD WELCOME U.S. EMPHASIS IN TRAINING AREA. ASIDE FROM HIGHLY SELECTIVE TRAINING ACTIVITY IN STUDY TOUR AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, GOA BELIEVES ITS MAJOR CONTRIBUTION LIKELY TO BE IN EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE.

7. LOOKING AHEAD, GOA VISUALIZES THAT ACTIVITIES SUCH AS STUDY TOUR AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM MAY UNCOVER ADDITIONAL NEEDS OF NATIONAL ENFORCEMENT BODIES WHICH WILL MERIT CONSIDERATION FOR FUTURE USG AND GOA ACTIVITIES IN INDONESIA AND ELSEWHERE, AND THAT FUTURE USG-GOA DIVISION OF LABOR CAN BE DISCUSSED AS THESE POSSIBILITIES EMERGE.

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